

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
 Kousuke OBAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6273  
 Application No.: 10/700,498 : Group Art Unit: 3682  
 Filed: November 05, 2003 : Examiner: Thomas R. Hannon

For: SUPPORT STRUCTURE CARRYING THRUST LOAD OF TRANSMISSION, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND THRUST NEEDLE ROLLER BEARING

STATUS INQUIRY

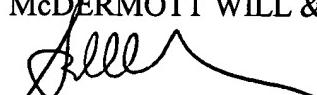
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 5, 2003. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2004 in the above assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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